



## ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM® (AP®) 2003 FEE REDUCTION POLICY

**Purpose:** The College Board provides a \$22 fee reduction per exam for students with acute financial need. For each exam taken with a fee reduction, the school forgoes its \$8 rebate resulting in a cost of \$50 for the student.

Additionally, more than 40 U.S. states and territories use federal and/or state funds to supplement the College Board's fee reduction by amounts ranging from \$10 to \$50 per exam. State-specific fee reduction information will be sent to each AP Coordinator in spring 2003. For example, California grants fee reductions for students from low-income families who are between 150% and 200% of the federal poverty level, as well as for all students who attend a school where 75% or more of the students enrolled are eligible for free or reduced-cost meals.

**Guidelines:** AP Coordinators may use **any** of the following criteria to determine whether a student qualifies for a fee reduction:

- The student is eligible for free or reduced-price lunches under the National School Lunch Act.
- The student's family receives assistance under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act.
- The student is eligible to receive medical assistance under the Medicaid program under title XIX of the Social Security Act.
- The student is a member of a family whose taxable income for the preceding year did not exceed 150% of the poverty level as established by the U.S. Census Bureau. The table below lists annual family incomes, by family size, at 150% of the poverty level. If the AP student's family income did not exceed the amount listed in the appropriate row and column, he or she qualifies for a College Board fee reduction.

Size of Family Unit	Annual Family Income*	Annual Family Income* for Alaska	Annual Family Income* for Hawaii
1	\$13,290	\$16,620	\$15,300
2	\$17,910	\$22,395	\$20,610
3	\$22,530	\$28,170	\$25,920
4	\$27,150	\$33,945	\$31,230
5	\$31,770	\$39,720	\$36,540
6	\$36,390	\$45,495	\$41,850
7	\$41,010	\$51,270	\$47,160
8	\$45,630	\$57,045	\$52,470

For family units with more than eight members, add the following dollar amount for each additional family member: \$3,080 for the 48 contiguous U.S. States, the District of Columbia, and outlying jurisdictions; \$3,850 for Alaska; and \$3,540 for Hawaii.

\*The figures shown under family income represent amounts equal to 150% of the family income levels established by the U.S. Census Bureau for determining poverty status. These levels were published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in the Federal Register of February 14, 2002, Vol. 67, No. 31, pages 6931-6933.

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**Procedure:** AP Coordinators simply follow the three steps below to obtain fee reductions for qualified students.

**STEP 1:** When placing an exam order, AP Coordinators must indicate the total number of exams that will be taken with fee reductions. You may revise your fee reduction counts as long as exam orders are still being accepted.

**STEP 2:** AP Coordinators should keep a list of the students who qualify for fee reductions and the titles of the AP Exams they will be taking. This is important as AP Coordinators must indicate who these students are by filling in the College Board fee reduction oval on each student's registration answer sheet. The *AP Coordinator's Manual* contains instructions for properly marking the answer sheet so that your school will be billed at the reduced rate.

**STEP 3:** Coordinators must indicate the total number of exams with fee reductions in the Remittance section of the Shipping and Remittance form.

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